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DIRECTED EVOLUTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above identified patent application, please enter the following replacement paragraph at page 1, lines 6-28:

-- The present application is a continuation of U.S. application serial No. 09/535,754, filed March 27, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial No. 09/522,289, filed on March 9, 2000 (entitled End Selection in Directed Evolution), which is hereby incorporated by reference; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial No. 09/498,557, filed on February 4, 2000 (entitled Non-Stochastic Generation of Genetic Vaccines and Enzymes), which is hereby incorporated by reference; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial No. 09/495,052, filed on January 31, 2000 (entitled Non-Stochastic Generation of Genetic Vaccines), which is hereby incorporated by reference; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial No. 09/332,835,

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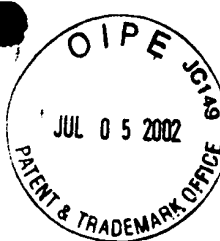
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filed June 14, 1999 (entitled Synthetic Ligation Reassembly in Directed Evolution), which is hereby incorporated by reference; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial No. 09/276,860, filed on March 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,352,842 (entitled Exonuclease-Mediated Gene Assembly in Directed Evolution), which is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial No. 09/267,118, filed on March 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,238,884 (entitled End Selection in Directed Evolution), which is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a continuation-in part of U.S. application serial No. 09/246,178, filed February 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,171,820 (entitled Saturation Mutagenesis in Directed Evolution), which is hereby incorporated by reference; which is a continuation-in part of U.S. application serial No. 09/185,373 filed on November 3, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,335,179 (entitled Directed Evolution of Thermophilic Enzymes), which is hereby incorporated by reference; which is a continuation of U.S. application serial No. 08/760,489 filed on December 5, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,830,696 (entitled Directed Evolution of Thermophilic Enzymes), which is hereby incorporated by reference; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. provisional application number 60/008,311 filed on December 7, 1995, now abandoned, which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

The changes to the paragraph, as filed, may be found in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."



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Respectfully submitted,

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